

work can be seen in most local Delta parks, Main Street, the bike path between the Gunnison River and Gunnison River Drive, and the Delta County Historical Society Museum.

Mr. Speaker, Raymond Tetreault is a dedicated, selfless person who has been a devoted public servant. He has developed intricate floral designs that color the streets of Delta reflecting the tremendous pride of its citizens. Raymond's enthusiasm and commitment to his craft certainly deserve the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your service Raymond and keep up the good work!

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. MIKE ROGERS

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. ROGERS of Michigan. Mr. Speaker, on the legislative day of Thursday, September 30, 2004, the House had a vote on Res. 792, a resolution to honor the United Negro College Fund on its 60th anniversary. On House roll-call vote No. 486, I was unavoidably detained. Had I been present, I would have voted "yea."

PAYING TRIBUTE TO NANCY PENFOLD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Nancy Penfold, a dedicated creator and curator of the City of Fort Lupton Museum. This week Nancy will be honored as the 2004 Outstanding Older Worker from Colorado for her longstanding commitment to service by the Experience Works Prime Awards organization, and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Nancy's accomplishments before this body of Congress and the Nation.

Nancy's family came to Fort Lupton in 1895, and have been strong facilitators for the town's continued success. Nancy was born and raised there, making her an excellent candidate for telling the history of Fort Lupton. Nancy was a volunteer historian since 1975 and in 1982, she led the movement to establish the City of Fort Lupton Museum. Today she holds the position of museum curator where she maintains the local heritage of the Fort Lupton community, and strives to preserve the riches of its past through special events and programming that enable citizens to display unique collections. Nancy has spent many hours collecting oral histories from seniors in both the Greeley and Fort Lupton communities that enables citizens to organize and archive family histories for future generations.

Nancy is also very active in several organizations and boards throughout her community including: Quality of Life, Friends of a Woman's Place, the Greeley RSVP board, and the Walk for Life campaign in the American Cancer Society. Additionally she has worked as a peer counselor for Weld County Mental Health, helped start the local Hospice program, and frequently delivers meals as part of the Meals on Wheels program.

Mr. Speaker, Nancy Penfold has dedicated her life to preserving the history and culture of one of Colorado's most unique towns. Her compassionate and selfless service to Fort Lupton and the Colorado community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Congratulations on your award Nancy, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

IN HONOR OF DENNIS A. LUSARDI

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Mr. Dennis A. Lusardi who will receive the Four Freedoms Award on Friday, November 5, 2004. This prestigious award is given by the Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt Institute to exceptional men and women who, in their work and life, are committed to the 4 principles outlined by President Roosevelt in 1941. These principles are the freedoms of speech and expression, worship, and the freedom from both want and fear.

I know that Dennis embodies these pillars in his work with the labor movement. As a dedicated worker, he has served the labor community and union members for over 40 years. He was born in Yonkers and graduated from Christopher Columbus High School and then attended Westchester Community College. I admire his entrance into the workforce in 1958 as an apprentice in the esteemed Ironworkers' Union. My father was an Ironworker, and I have great respect for trade unions, their values, and the work that they do. Dennis immediately showed that he was a dedicated and passionate advocate for improvements to his union. He took his first leadership role in the 1970s when he was appointed to the Pension Fund, and has proven his devotion by continuing his service as Chairman still today. He continued his impassioned work in 1981 when he became a Delegate to the International Convention.

In 1989 Dennis also became the Financial Secretary Treasurer, and since then he has held his position by acclamation from those he serves. Dennis' expertise and experience have truly benefited the labor movement, the community, and those who know and love him. He also lends his services and experiences as the Ironworkers' Union's Business Manager. He is as committed to advocating on behalf of his fellow workers today as the day he began his career. I am delighted to say that he continues this exceptional service as the Vice President of Westchester Building Trades, the Treasurer for the Ironworkers District Counsel of New York, and is also representative for the Ironworkers District Counsel Pension Plan. He exemplifies the hardworking ideals of his union and this country, and truly deserves this great honor. In addition to the incredible and significant work on behalf of organized labor, Dennis is also a proud father of two, and has three wonderful grandchildren. It is my privilege today to speak in the House of Representatives in honor of Mr. Dennis A. Lusardi.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO CHAR HACKER

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to Char Hacker, a talented teacher from Grand Junction, Colorado. For twenty-three years Char has inspired and challenged Taylor Elementary students to achieve the very best in their lives and I would like to join my colleagues here today in recognizing Char's tremendous service to the Grand Junction community.

Char became an elementary teacher when she graduated from Western State College after her first dream of directing a High School band program did not work out. However, Char found her true passion as a music teacher and went on to earn her masters degree in special-needs education after working at Taylor High School for ten years. Currently she spends half her day teaching music and half teaching individual students with special needs. Char is a brilliant teacher whose methods of using fun and games to encourage her students to study hard and reach their goals. She positively impacted the lives of several students, an experience that many remember long after they have become adults.

Mr. Speaker, Char Hacker is a wonderful ambassador for education who dedicates her life to teaching the next generation of leaders in her Grand Junction, Colorado community. Char has taken the noble and challenging occupation of teaching to a new level of excellence. Her compassionate and selfless service to Grand Junction and the Colorado community certainly deserves the recognition of this body of Congress and this nation. Thanks for all your hard work Char, and I wish you all the best in your future endeavors.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. GEORGE R. NETHERCUTT, JR.

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. NETHERCUTT. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably detained due to a prior obligation and missed the following votes. Had I been present I would have voted "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 473, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 474, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 475, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 476, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 477, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 478, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 479, "no" on Roll Call Vote No. 480, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 481, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 482, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 483, "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 485, and "yea" on Roll Call Vote No. 486.

PAYING TRIBUTE TO JOEL BOUCHARD

HON. SCOTT McINNIS

OF COLORADO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, October 4, 2004

Mr. McINNIS. Mr. Speaker, it is with great pride that I rise today to pay tribute to veteran